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SUBJECT: CONCESSIONARY RATES FOR OIL

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1. THE GOP DENIED IN A PRESS STATEMENT FEBRUARY 7
RECEIVING ANY CONCESSIONARY RATES ON PETROLEUM IMPORTS
FROM ARAB COUNTRIES OR IRAN. THE STATEMENT ALLEGED
"AN ERRONEOUS AND MISCHIEVOUS CAMPAIGN" BY A SECTION
OF THE PRESS AND LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION PARTIES
CONCERNING CONCESSIONARY RATES ON OIL IMPORTS. THE
PRESS RELEASE STATED THAT THE GOP WAS GRATEFUL TO ITS
"ARAB MUSLIM BROTHERS AND IRAN" FOR SPONTANEOUS ASSISTANCE
RECEIVED BUT AS FAR AS THE IMPORT OF OIL IS CONCERNED,
ALL TRANSACTIONS HAVE BEEN ON A "STRICTLY BUSINESS
LEVEL."

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2. COMMENT: WITH THIS OFFICIAL GOP DENIAL OF CONCESSIONARY RATES ON OIL, THE EMBASSY IS NOT CERTAIN WHERE THE TRUTH NOW LIES. IT IS JUST POSSIBLE THAT THE REPORT OUT OF BEIRUT, DATED JANUARY 4, OF AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. AL-OTEIBA, OIL MINISTER OF THE UAE, AND CARRIED IN THE JANUARY 5 ISSUE OF THE KARACHI MORNING NEWS, WAS READ BY ENOUGH PEOPLE THAT IT IS THE SOURCE OF THE SEVERAL REPORTS WHICH THE EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE UAE INTENDED CONCESSIONARY RATES FOR PAKISTAN ONLY, IT WOULD CERTAINLY PRESS THE GOP FOR A PUBLIC DENIAL IN ORDER TO FORESTALL REQUESTS FROM OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT.
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